- Restrictions have been imposed on entry of seconds and defectives through a few designated ports only;
- An additional duty of 10% has been imposed on the import of seconds variety of HR Coils;
- Pre-shipment inspection certification has been made mandatory for imports of seconds and defectives of all steel items; and
- Budget for 2002-2003 has proposed certain steps to further reduce import of seconds and defectives.

Restructuring of SAIL

*39. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited is being restructured through formation of two strategic business units, based on product profile; and

(b) whether the Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL is also being bifurcated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As part of various tasks undertaken under the Financial and Business Restructuring of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), Central Marketing Organisation of SAIL has already been internally re-organised into "Longs" and "Flats" for over a year to improve marketing efficiency.

Productivity of Coconut Cultivations in Kerala

*40. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether Kerala Government has submitted a proposal for improving the productivity of coconut cultivation;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to help the coconut farmers; and

(d) the details regarding the Coconut Mission project submitted by the Kerala Government?